GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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EXTENSION OF EAST-WEST CORRIDOR
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the proposed East-West Corridor at Silchar, which is in Southern Assam, the Government has literally left out the Eastern most part of the North-Eastern region from the network;

(b) whether there is also mounting popular demand for extension of the East-West Corridor from Nagaon to Jagun, the Eastern most tip of Indian map in the North-Eastern Region; and

(c) if so, whether the Government proposes to aprove such extension of the East-West Corridor touching the Eastern most tip of the Indian map?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) to (c) There is no proposal to extend the East-West Corridor beyond Silchar. However, all the State capitals in the North Eastern region not connected to the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) i.e. the Golden Quadrilateral and North-South & East-West Corridors are to be connected to the NHDP network under Pradhan Mantri Bharat Jodo Pariyojana (PMBJP). The demand for construction of a four-lane highway from Nagaon to Jagun is presently not under consideration.